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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Mather, Kate
Subject: Re: 2016 numbers

Thanks Kate. I'll send this to Discovery to see what they say.

Josh

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 12:42 PM, Mather, Kate <kate.mather@latimes.com> wrote:

Hi Josh,

We checked the Open Data website, just to clarify again what was and wasn't on there.

There is a page that individually lists arrests made in 2016:

<https://data.lacity.org/A-Safe-City/Open-Data-ARR-2016/m58u-93eu/data>

But it also appears to include things like "miscellaneous other violations" and "non-criminal detentions" and a code that we believe indicates "infractions," so we're not sure it's a fair comparison to the arrest numbers we received from Discovery. While we could sort out the misdemeanor and felony arrests, there are more than 72,000 entries – and you can imagine how long that would take. At best, we could guess the number of felony and misdemeanor arrests based on the total number of rows listed on the spreadsheet, but again that includes "other violations" and "non-criminal detentions" and "infractions," so it's unclear if that number would even be accurate when compared to the data we already have.

In addition to that, there is no information on this website that clearly lists the number of citations issues or field inquiries conducted or narcotics-related arrests made, which was also part of our original request.

I'm wondering: Since CompStat prepares the total arrest numbers (for all agencies, not just LAPD) are they able to subtract arrests made by other agencies and provide the total number of arrests the LAPD made in 2016? That isn't all of the information we're looking for, obviously, but it's at least something.

Again, we're aiming to publish the story this weekend, and are running tight on time to get this info back. If we aren't able to get something fairly quickly, we'll have to run the story without the 2016 numbers and note that the LAPD wasn't able to provide them.

Thanks. Please let me know when you have an update from Discovery.

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